



Beaver Creek Fire

August 15, 2016, 9:00 am

Closures & Advisories:

Closure orders have been issued for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands and can be found at: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797

Evacuation orders remain in place as issued by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office

Fire Size Today:

36,435 acres (Current as of 9:00 am)

Containment:

44%

193 Firefighters:

2 crews, 7 engines, 2 dozers, 1 masticator, 1 feller buncher and 3 helicopters, 2 water tenders

Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

Fire is being managed on the Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests, BLM Kremmling Field Office, State of Colorado Lands, BLM Rawlins Field Office and Wyoming State Forestry Division

Started: 6/19/16. The cause of the fire is being actively investigated by U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement.

Management: Atlanta National Incident Management Organization (NIMO)

Summary: Yesterday, the fire was the most active it has been in over 6 days. Areas that had not shown activity recently had active fire and smoke columns were noticeable from a distance over many areas of the fire. The fire actively backed down the slope in the area of Big Creek Road and Holroyd road in the northern portion of the fire and could easily be seen from Route 125/230. Active fire behavior was also experienced 2 miles south of Big Creek Lake and 4 miles northwest of Big Creek Lake.

Several small areas of fire burned on the slope above the east side of Big Creek Lake and sprinklers were activated as a precaution to protect Ike's Cabin. Fire continues to burn in the high country on the west side of the fire. A bulldozer continued to make repairs to firelines in Parson's Draw. Today, the weather should be similar to yesterday and the fire may burn vigorously again with spot fires possible.

Weather: Today, the high temperature is expected to range from 72-79 degrees. Relative humidity will be between 13-20% and winds should be WNW at 10-15 mph with gusts to 23mph. Skies will be partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms after 2 pm.

Today: Personnel will work to keep the fire south of Forest Service Road 408 in the northwest portion of the fire and extinguish any spot fires that might cross the road. A feller buncher continues to remove hazard trees along the road system. In the area of Big Creek Road, firefighters will take advantage of favorable wind direction to keep the fire contained within the firelines. In the eastern portion of the fire, firefighters will finish work around houses and complete repairs to roads and bulldozer lines. Helicopters will continue to be used as needed to support firefighters on the ground.

Beaver Creek Fire resources assisted with initial attack on two new fires yesterday. Air assets responded to a fire at Buffalo Pass and another one on Black Hall Mountain, 9 miles west of the Big Creek Road and 2 miles north of the Colorado/Wyoming state line.

Incident personnel were informed of the death of a fellow wildland firefighter on the Strawberry Fire in Nevada. The firefighter was killed when a tree fell on him. "The firefighting world is very small," said Incident Commander Mike Quesinberry. "Today it's even smaller. The job we do as wildland firefighters is filled with hazards, and today that is more real than ever. Our thoughts and prayers are with this firefighter's family, friends and co-workers."

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